

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested for the following reasons:

1. Objection Under 35 USC §1.83(a)

This objection has been addressed by cancelling claim 3. Because the “ladder shape” is no longer recited in the claims, it is respectfully submitted that a replacement drawing is no longer necessary, and withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

2. Rejections of Claims 1 and 3-14 Under 35 USC §103(a)

These rejections have been rendered moot by:

- cancellation of claim 1;
- amendment of claim 2 to be in independent form including the limitations of claim 1, from which claim 2 originally depended; and
- amendment of the remaining claims to depend from claim 2.

The subject matter of claim 2 was indicated as allowable in items 7 and 8 on page 7 of the Official Action.

Having thus overcome each of the objections and rejections made in the Official Action, withdrawal of the objections and rejections and expedited passage of the application to issue is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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